IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Declan McDonagh et al.

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For: CLOCK SIGNAL GENERATORS HAVING PROGRAMMABLE FULL-PERIOD

CLOCK SKEW CONTROL AND METHODS OF GENERATING CLOCK

SIGNALS HAVING PROGRAMMABLE SKEWS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment before examining the present application.